

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 23 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 23 Jan 2021 at 04:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High until Monday. Low for detail on Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 23 Jan 2021: Cold with snow showers, occasionally heavy.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Jan 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	40%	40%	50%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 23 Jan 2021

Weather: Some sunny intervals and occasional snow showers, these may merge into longer spells of snow later in the afternoon across Argyll and Lochaber.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%. Best chance across the eastern Trossachs and Arran given some shelter from showers. Decreasing to 40% across Argyll and Lochaber if snow showers become widespread in the afternoon.

Visibility: Cloud lowering to 500 metres in any heavier snow showers, visibility becoming very poor too. Otherwise very good outside cloud and snow with good air clarity.

Forecast for Saturday 23 Jan 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/19 SW	17/19 SW	17/21 SW	21/26 SW	22/28 SW	18/22 SW	18/23 SW
900	10/12 W	10/13 W	12/16 W	14/19 W	15/20 W	13/17 SW	12/17 SW
600	11/13 SW	11/14 SW	12/15 SW	15/20 SW	15/20 SW	12/17 SW	12/16 SW
300	6/7 SW	5/7 S	6/9 SW	8/13 SW	7/11 SW	7/11 SW	7/10 S
Glen	2/5 S	3/6 W	3/8 SW	5/11 SW	6/13 SW	4/9 SW	3/7 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-8/-16	-8/-17	-8/-16	-8/-17	-8/-17	-8/-16	-8/-16
900	-6/-12	-6/-12	-5/-12	-5/-12	-6/-13	-6/-12	-6/-12
600	-3/-9	-4/-9	-3/-9	-3/-9	-4/-10	-3/-9	-3/-9
300	-1/-5	-2/-5	-1/-4	-1/-5	-1/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5
Glen	-0/-2	-1/-3	1/-1	1/-2	0/-3	-0/-2	-0/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	100m	100m	00m	00m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Brisk breeze at height leading to severe wind chill, especially in cloud cover.

Forecast for Sunday 24 Jan 2021

Weather: Some sunny intervals and occasional snow showers. Remaining very cold.

Maximum wind: Westerly 15 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%, greatest risk of low cloud is across the west of the area where showers are likely to be most frequent.

Visibility: Summits mostly clear of cloud, but cloud lowering to 500 metres in any showers. Good air clarity.

Temperature: Glens: Minus 5 rising to 2 Celsius

At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius

Freezing level: 300 metres